time of taking testimony as aforesaid, and said return of testimony shall be made on or before Wednesday, the 24th day of February; Provided, That if either of the said commissioners shall refuse to serve under the authority hereby conveyed. the other may serve alone; Provided, also, that said commissioners shall take or subscribe an oath, to be returned with the said testimony, that they will well and truly perform the duties hereby imposed;"

Which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Stevens,

The House adjourned until Monday morning, at eleven o'clock.

## MONDAY, February 15, 1864.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Owen, Chaplain of the House.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Ireland, Davis, Carrico, Poteet, Pearce, of Baltimore county, Lusby, Mathews, Hyland, Douglass, Elliott, Jones, Hance, Clarke, Tolson, Duncan, Smith, Murray, of Worcester, Hammond, Buhrman, Barron, Silverwood, Chappell, Stevens, Stockbridge, Murray, of Baltimore city, Mules, Masters, Miller, Gantz, Zeigler, Fawcett and Brown.

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There being no quorum,

The House adjourned. W. v. Highwood, Anier Bit ganera Strong bei Cherrich